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Naples, February 10, *N. S.*

ON the 4th Inſtant the Queen was taken with a violent Head-ach and Fever, which laſted all that Night. The 5th in the Morning it was judged from ſeveral Symptoms to be the Small Pox. The Marqueſs de Montalegre, Secretary of State, immediately informed the King of it, and adviſed him to retire to Portici for 40 Days; but his Majeſty rejecting that Advice, the Marqueſs de Montalegre called together the Council of State and the Phyſicians of the Court, who all agreed in the Advice given by the Marqueſs de Montalegre, judging, that though his Majeſty was of Opinion he had had the Small Pox at Piſa, and for that Reaſon refuſed to leave the Queen, yet that Diſtemper was not really the Small Pox. The Reſult of this Conference having been laid before his Majeſty, he ſet out on the 6th in the Morning for Portici, with great Regret for ſo ſudden a Separation. On the 7th it became manifeſt that the Queen had the Small Pox, but of the favourable Sort.

Leghorn, Feb. 13, *N. S.* Extraordinary Preparations are making here againſt the Arrival of the Great Duke, who is expected in the Beginning of March. The Britiſh Merchants are making a Firework, repreſenting a Garden, upon the Sea. The Dutch and the French are making other Preparations, as are the Jews likewiſe. Orders have alſo been given to illuminate the whole City on that Occaſion.

Warſaw, Feb. 18, *N. S.* On the 7th Inſtant there was a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court to celebrate the Czarina's Birth-Day, and after Divine Service Baron Ehrencron, the new Swediſh Miniſter, had his firſt Audiences of the King and Queen and of the Princeſs Royal. Afterwards the foreign Miniſters, with ſome of the chief of the Nobility, were admitted to their Majeſties Table, and other Perſons of Diſtinction dined at two other Tables; the Canon firing, and Kettle Drums and Trumpets ſounding at the drinking of the ſeveral Healths. At Night a Firework on the Viſtula was played off, and there was a Ball at Court. On the 15th the Court went into Mourning for a Month, for the Death of Duke Ferdinand of Bavaria, and for that of the Princeſs Louiſa of Saxe-Barby. On the 16th a ſolemn Service for the Repoſe of the Soul of the late King was performed in the Church of the Capuchins, where his Entrails were depoſited. The Froſty Weather is returned, and to Day there is ſo much Ice in the Viſtula, that it is expected it will be frozen over again. By our Accounts from Petersbourg they have had harder Weather in thoſe Parts this Winter than for ſeveral Years before; and the like is adviſed from the Frontiers of the Ukraine.

War Office, Whitehall, Feb. 24, 1738-9.

Whereas great Frauds have been committed at this Office by Perſons receiving Penſions granted to Officers Widows by Means of forged Aſſignments, Letters of Attorney, Certificates and Affidavits, and by Perſons pretending to be and perſonating Widows as aforeſaid: And two Perſons being now committed to Newgate on Account of the ſaid Frauds, Notice is hereby given, that no future Payment will be made at this Office by Virtue of any Aſſignment, or Letter of Attorney already entered at the ſaid Office, without further Satisfaction given thereupon. And ſuch Widows of Officers as are entituled to the ſaid Penſion, and who reſide within the Bills of Mortality, are hereby required to appear in Perſon at the ſaid Office, in order to be examined as to their reſpective Pretenſions, for which Purpoſe Attendance will be given from the Hour of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon till Two, on Wedneſday and Friday in every Week during the Month of March next; and ſuch Widows reſiding within the Bills of Mortality as aforeſaid, as are deſirous to make Aſſignments of their Penſions, or grant Letters of Attorney, for the future, are required to execute the ſame in the Preſence of Two of the Clerks in the ſaid Office, to be by them atteſted. Thoſe Officers Widows that reſide at a Diſtance, are likewiſe required forthwith to authorize ſome Perſon of Credit to appear for them, and to give Satisfaction as to their being living, and as to the Validity of any Letter of Attorney or Aſſignment already made or to be made for receiving their reſpective Penſions. N. B. That if any Perſon will come to this Office, and give Information of the Death of any Officer's Widow whoſe Name ſtill continues in the Books, as intitled to her Penſion, or ſhall diſcover any other Frauds relating thereto, on Application to Mr. Edward Lloyd, they ſhall be well rewarded for their Trouble, and their Names concealed if required.

Ed. Sainthill, Paymaſter to the Widows.

East India Houſe, February 21, 1738.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice, That the Tranſfer Books of the ſaid Company will be ſhut up on Thurſday the 15th of March next; That a Quarterly General Court will be holden at their Houſe in Leadenhall-ſtreet, on Wedneſday the 21ſt of the ſaid Month, at Eleven in the Forenoon. That the Liſts of the Members of the ſaid Company will be ready to be delivered at the ſaid Houſe on Friday the 30th of the ſaid Month; That a General Court will be holden at the ſaid Houſe on Wedneſday the 11th of April next, for the Election of Twenty Four Directors for the Year enſuing, which will continue from Nine in the Morning till Six in the Afternoon of the ſame Day; after which Time no Liſts will be taken in; And that the Tranſfer Books will be opened on Thurſday the 12th of April aforeſaid.